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INCLUSION OF HUMAN RIGHT SUBJECT IN CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Right Commission proposes to include human rights as a compulsory subject at graduation and post-graduation level in the country;

(b) whether the working group of the Human Rights Commission has drafted its recommendations;

(c) whether the above working group has held comprehensive consultations with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and University Grants Commission to prepare its recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has approved the proposal of inclusion of human rights in the curriculum as a compulsory subject; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): According to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the Commission constituted a Task Force for Human Rights` education at the university level. A series of workshops on this issue were also held by University Grants Commission (UGC). The UGC has a scheme on `Promotion of Human Rights Education in Universities & Colleges under which financial assistance is provided for introduction of following courses of the programmes on Human Rights and Duties Education:-

i) A foundation course
ii) A certificate course
iii) An under graduate course
iv) A post graduate diploma course
v) A post graduate degree (MA/LLM) course
vi) Seminar/ Symposia/ Workshops
vii) Moot Court/Mock Trial

The National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has also developed a syllabus on Human Rights as an optional subject to be introduced at Higher Secondary level. Moreover, the new syllabi of textbook developed by NCERT for all the stages of school education integrate the component of Human Rights across curricular areas.